

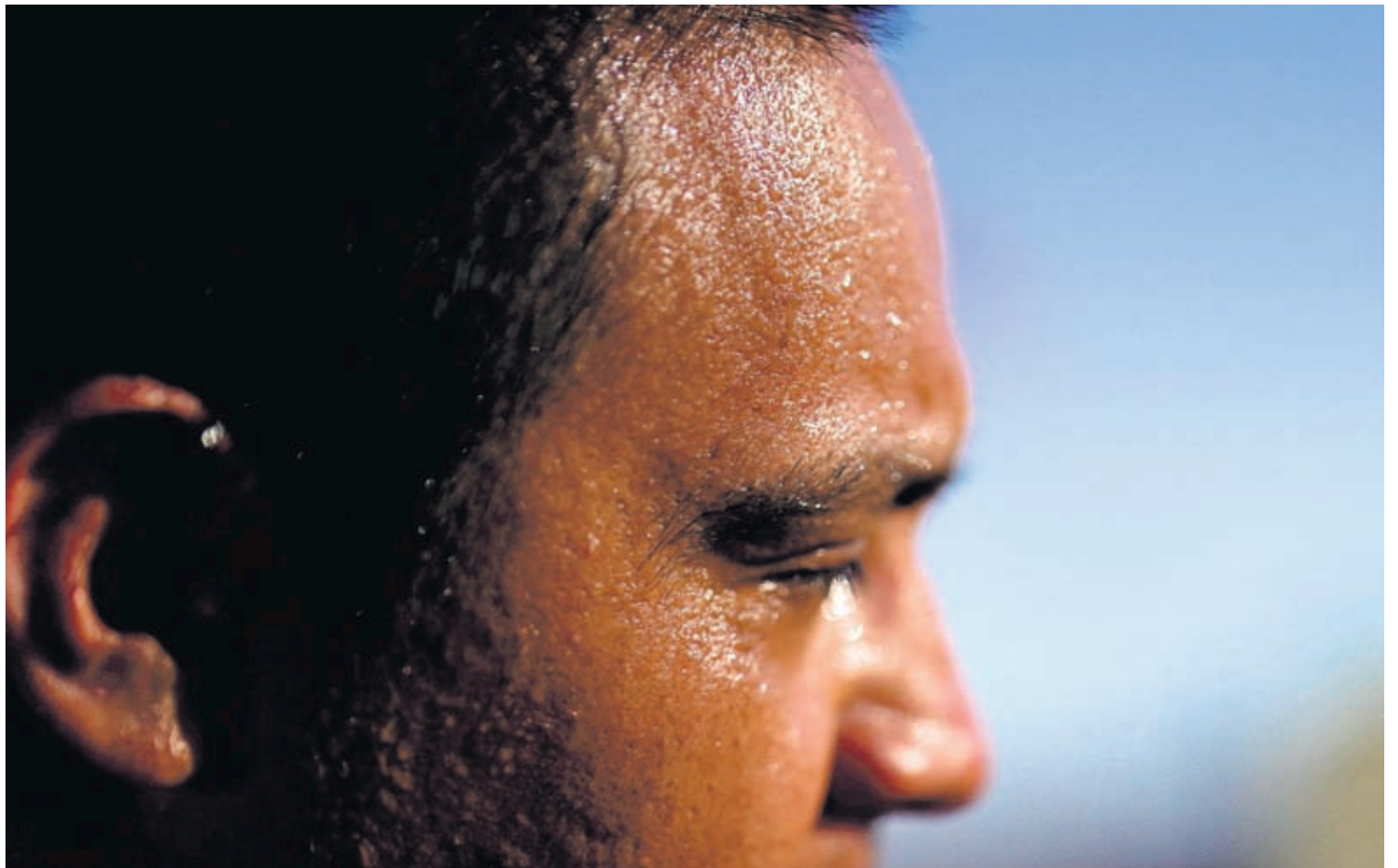


## After summer's extreme weather, more Americans see climate change as a culprit, AP-NORC poll shows

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Kathleen Maxwell has lived in Phoenix for more than 20 years, but this summer was the first time she felt fear, as daily high temperatures soared to 110 degrees or hotter and kept it up for a record-shattering 31 consecutive days. "It's always been really hot here, but nothing like this past summer," said Maxwell, 50, who last week opened her windows for the first time since March and walked her dog outdoors for the first time since May. "I was seriously scared. Like, what if this doesn't end and this is how it's going to be?" Maxwell blames climate change, and she's not alone.

New polling from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research indicates that extreme weather, including a summer that brought dangerous heat for much of the United States, is bolstering Americans' belief that they've personally felt the impact of climate change.



Sweat covers the face of Juan Carlos Bisenio after dancing to music from his headphones as afternoon temperatures reach 115 degrees Fahrenheit (46.1 Celsius), July 19, 2023, in Calexico, Calif.

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About 9 in 10 Americans (87%) say they have experienced at least one extreme weather event in the past five years — including drought, extreme heat, severe storms, wildfires or flooding — up from 79% who said that just a few months ago in April. And about three-quarters of those believe climate change is at least partly to blame.

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In total, 64% of U.S. adults say both that they've recently experienced extreme weather and that they believe it was caused at least partially by climate change, up from 54% in April. And about 65% say climate change will have or already has had a major impact in their lifetime.

This summer's heat might be a big factor: About three-quarters of Americans (74%) say they've been affected by extremely hot weather or extreme heat waves in the last five years, up from 55% in April — and of those, 92% said they've had that experience just in the past few months.

This summer was the hottest ever measured in the Northern Hemisphere, according to the World Meteorological Organization and the European climate service Copernicus. Millions of Americans also were affected by the worst wildfire season in Canada's history, which sent choking smoke into parts of the U.S. About six in 10 U.S. adults say haze or smoke from the wildfires affected them "a lot" (15%) or "a little" (48%) in recent months.

And around the world, extreme heat, storms, flooding and wildfires have affected tens of millions of people this year, with scien-



Salvation Army volunteer Francisca Corral, center, gives water to a man at a their Valley Heat Relief Station, July 11, 2023 in Phoenix.

Associated Press

tists saying climate change has made such events more likely and intense.

Anthony Leiserowitz, director of the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication, said researchers there have conducted twice-yearly surveys of Americans for 15 years, but it wasn't until 2016 that they saw an indication that people's experience with extreme weather was affecting their views about climate change. "And the signal has been getting stronger and stronger year by year as these conditions continue to get worse and worse," he said.

But he also believes that media coverage of climate change has changed dramatically, and that the public is interpreting information in a more scientific way than they did even a decade ago.

Seventy-six-year-old Bruce Alvord, of Hagerstown, Maryland, said it wasn't unusual to experience days with a 112-degree heat index this summer, and health conditions mean that "heat really bothers me because it's restricted what I can do."

Even so, the retired government worker doesn't believe in human-caused

climate change; he recalls stories from his grandparents about bad weather, and thinks the climate is fluctuating on its own.

"The way the way I look at it is I think it's a bunch of powerful politicians and lobbying groups that ... have their agenda," said Alvord, a Republican who sees no need to change his own habits or for the government to do more. "I drive a Chrysler 300 (with a V8 engine). I use premium gas. I get 15 miles a gallon. I don't give a damn."

The AP-NORC poll found significant differences between Democrats and Re-

publicans. Among those who have experienced extreme weather, Democrats (93%) are more certain that climate change was a cause, compared to just half of Republicans (48%). About 9 in 10 Democrats say climate change is happening, with nearly all of the remaining Democrats being unsure about whether climate change is happening (5%), rather than outright rejecting it. Republicans are split: 49% say climate change is happening, but 26% say it's not and an additional 25% are unsure. Overall, 74% of Americans say climate change is happening, largely unchanged from April.

Republican Ronald Livingston, 70, of Clute, Texas, said he's not sure if human activity is causing climate change, "but I know something is going on because we have been sweating our butts off."

The retired history teacher said it didn't rain for several months this year, killing his grass and drying up a slough on his property where he sometimes fishes. It was so hot — with 45 days of 100 degrees or more — that he could barely go outside, and he struggled to grow a garden. He also believes that hurricanes are getting stronger.

And after this summer, he's keeping an open mind about climate change. □



The seal for the U.S. Central Command is displayed on Feb. 6, 2017, at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Associated Press

By TARA COPP  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military said Monday it had captured an operator for the Islamic State extrem-

ist group during a helicopter raid in northern Syria.

The operator, Abu Halil al-Fad'ani, "was assessed to have relationships throughout the ISIS network in the

## U.S. military captures key Islamic State militant during helicopter raid in Syria

region," U.S. Central Command said in a statement. His capture on Saturday increases the chance that U.S. counterterrorism operations there will be able to target additional members of the group, command spokesman Lt. Col. Troy Garlock said.

The U.S. has approximately 900 troops in Syria focused on countering the remnants of the Islamic State group, which had held a wide swath of Syria until

2019.

News of the capture came as U.S.-backed Kurdish-led forces imposed a curfew after continued skirmishes with rival Arab militiamen. According to reports from Syrian media and activists, the Syrian Democratic Forces imposed the curfew Monday in several towns in Deir el-Zour province, including in Ziban, close to the Iraqi border where the Americans are based. Hundreds of U.S. troops have

been there since 2015. The oil-rich province has Syria's largest oil fields.

Syria remains in a bloody 12-year civil war that has killed a half-million people. The Syrian government of President Bashar Assad in Damascus sees the Kurdish-led forces as secessionist fighters and has denounced their alliance with the United States in the war against the Islamic State militants and their self-ruled enclave in eastern Syria. □



## Democratic Sen. Menendez rejects calls to resign and says cash found in home was not bribe proceeds

By DEEPTI HAJELA and MIKE CATALINI Associated Press  
UNION CITY, N.J. (AP) —

Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey defiantly pushed back against federal corruption charges on Monday, saying nearly half a million dollars in cash authorities found in his home was from his personal savings, not from bribes, and was on hand for emergencies.

Rejecting rising calls for him to resign, the influential chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said he believed he'd be cleared of charges that he took cash and gold in illegal exchange for helping Egypt and New Jersey business associates.

"I recognize this will be the biggest fight yet, but as I have stated throughout this whole process, I firmly believe that when all the facts are presented, not only will I be exonerated, but I still will be New Jersey's senior senator," Menendez said at Hudson County Community College's campus in Union City, where he grew up.

He did not respond to questions and did not say whether he would seek re-



Sen. Bob Menendez speaks during a news conference on Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, in Union City, N.J.

Associated Press

election next year.

Addressing allegations in the indictment unsealed Friday that authorities found cash stuffed in envelopes and clothing at his home, Menendez said that stemmed from his parents' fear of confiscation of funds from their time in Cuba. "This may seem old fashioned, but these were monies drawn from my

personal savings account based on the income that I have lawfully derived over those 30 years," he said.

Authorities recovered about 10 envelopes with tens of thousands of dollars in cash that had the fingerprints of one of the other defendants in the case on them, according to the indictment.

Menendez also addressed

his relationship with Egypt, which plays a central role in the indictment against him, suggesting he's been tough on the country over its detention of Americans and other "human rights abuses." "If you look at my actions related to Egypt during the period described in this indictment and throughout my whole career, my record is clear

and consistent in holding Egypt accountable," he said. Prosecutors say he met with Egyptian military and intelligence officials, passed along non-public information about employees at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo and ghostwrote a letter on behalf of Egypt asking his Senate colleagues to release a hold on \$300 million worth of aid. He did not directly address those allegations Monday.

The state's Democratic leadership, including Gov. Phil Murphy, the state party chairmen and leaders of the Legislature, along with some of Menendez's congressional colleagues, are calling on him to resign.

In Washington, however, where his party holds a bare Senate majority, some of Menendez's Democratic colleagues have stopped short of urging him to give up his seat, notably Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, and Majority Whip Dick Durbin of Illinois. Menendez did, however, step down as required as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Schumer said on Friday, when the indictment was unsealed. □

## U.S. offers Poland rare loan of \$2 billion to modernize its military

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration announced Monday that it is offering a \$2 billion loan to Poland, which has been a hub for weapons going into Ukraine, to support the ally's defense modernization. The State Department said in a statement that Poland is a "stalwart" ally of the U.S. whose "security is vital to the collective defense" of NATO's eastern flank, and that such funding is reserved for Washington's most important security partners.

The U.S. government is also providing Warsaw up to \$60 million for the cost of the loan in Foreign Military Financing (FMF) which would support "urgent pro-

curvements of defense articles and services from the United States," the State Department said. The \$60 million is a loan subsidy meant to ensure that Warsaw can secure favorable terms for the loan.

Poland has been a staunch supporter of Ukraine since Russia's full-scale invasion of the country, handing over large numbers of its own tanks, fighter jets and other equipment. It has also been a hub for most of the Western weapons going to Ukraine.

It has been undergoing a process of modernization to replace what it gave away, much of which was based on old Soviet technology, putting in orders

with U.S. and South Korean defense companies.

Recently the Polish-Ukrainian relationship has seen strains due to a trade dispute centered on Ukrainian grain entering the Polish market and driving down the prices Polish farmers can get. Amid the spat Poland's Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said his country was no longer sending any more weapons to Ukraine.

The comment created some confusion. Analysts noted that Poland has already in fact given Ukraine most of what it has to give, and the statement was made ahead of a Polish election and did not mean much. But it also raised



Polish President Andrzej Duda, left, welcomes President Joe Biden at the Presidential Palace in Warsaw, Ukraine, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023.

Associated Press

concerns that Western support for Ukraine could be weakening.

U.S. officials have sought to play down the spat, prais-

ing Poland's role in helping Ukraine and noting that it is in Poland's strategic interest for Ukraine to prevail against Russia. □



# Fatal Florida train crash highlights dangers of private, unguarded crossings that exist across U.S.

By **CURT ANDERSON**

**Associated Press**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)**

— The weekend crash between a train and an SUV that killed six people in Florida happened at a private road crossing where little more than a sign or two is required: no crossing gates, no flashing lights, no warning sound.

The Federal Railroad Administration reports there are more than 80,000 such crossings in the U.S. and has recommended installation of uniform, easy-to-understand warning signs, though officials often have no jurisdiction over the private crossings. Over a 10-year period ending in 2017 there were 3,427 accidents at private crossings, about 14% of the national total during that span, according to the agency.

Another one happened Saturday night at a crossing near Plant City, Florida, east of Tampa. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office said that just before 7 p.m., a Cadillac Escalade driven by Jose G. Hernan-



**Law enforcement officials walk the site of a weekend fatal train collision, Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 in Plant City, Fla., that killed six people and left another in critical condition, when they were crossing the train tracks, on their way to a birthday party.**

dez, 52, crossed the tracks into the path of a CSX train going 55 mph (88 kph).

Hernandez died Sunday at a hospital. Five others died at the scene: Enedelia Hernandez, 50; Anaelia Hernandez, 22; Jakub A. Lopez and Alyssa Hernandez, both 17; and Julian Hernan-

dez, 9. Another passenger, 23-year-old Guillermo E. Gama III, is in critical condition at a local hospital.

Sheriff Chad Chronister said Monday that Gama is expected to survive.

"We are hopeful about this young man's recovery and remain committed to not

only the investigation but the healing of all those impacted," Chronister said in a news release.

Authorities said all the victims were part of an extended family on their way to a birthday party at a house a short distance down the private road from

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the railroad crossing.

Chronister told reporters that video surveillance showed the Escalade slowly driving across the tracks but not stopping. He said the train conductor and another driver honked and flashed their lights to get the driver's attention but the train was not able to stop.

No one was injured on the train. CSX issued a statement saying the company "extends its deepest sympathies to everyone impacted by this tragic incident. CSX is working to support local law enforcement as they conduct the ongoing investigation."

Chronister said the vehicle flipped several times after impact and appeared like a "soft drink can that was smashed."

"I think anyone who has seen the carnage that's been created, whenever you compound that with children lost their lives here, maybe an entire family, maybe an entire family lost their life here tonight," Chronister said. □

## 3 teenagers were fatally shot in South Carolina, and a schoolmate has been arrested

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)**

Two people showed up at an abandoned house where four teenagers were hanging out and opened fire, killing three of them and wounding the fourth in an escalation of an old quibble over a burglary, authorities said Monday in Columbia, South Carolina.

A 17-year-old Eau Claire High School student was arrested on three counts of murder, one of attempted murder and possessing a weapon during a violent crime, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said Monday at a news conference. Officials are still looking for "some other people," he said. The teenagers who were killed also attended Eau Claire High School, according to a statement

from Craig Witherspoon, the district superintendent. The lone survivor attended a nearby middle school.

The district provided additional counseling and

security at the high school Monday in response to the "unimaginable tragedy," which Witherspoon decried as "senseless gun violence."



**Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, right, and Councilmember Gretchen Barron speak at a news conference on Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 in Columbia, S.C.**

**Associated Press**

Sheriff's deputies responded to the shooting in Columbia, the state capital, just after 2 p.m. Sunday, the sheriff's department said.

After the two shooters opened fire at the house, they followed the victims as they fled to the backyard and continued firing, according to a redacted incident report. It was part of a "beef" that Lott said began two years ago with a burglary.

Three victims were 16 and 17 years old and died at the hospital, and the fourth victim, who is 14, was released, the sheriff's department said. The Richland County Coroner's office identified the deceased as JaKobe Fanning, Caleb Wise and Dre'von Riley. The sheriff would not say

how the weapons were obtained. But, he said, too many Columbia gunowners leave their firearms in cars, where they are easily stolen. The city experienced 100 vehicle break-ins this past weekend, Lott said.

Lott said he held the news conference to address "something that seems to be recurring" in Columbia and nationwide.

Nine people ages 16 to 20 were injured in a park shooting this spring at an event involving students from Columbia-area high schools, officials noted.

Witherspoon and other elected officials called for more out-of-school programming by churches, schools and governments. □



## AP Interview: Jennifer Granholm says U.S. aims to create nuclear fusion facility within 10 years

By **STEPHANIE LIECHTEN-STEIN**

**Associated Press**

**VIENNA (AP)** — U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said Monday that nuclear fusion is a pioneering technology and the Biden administration wants to harness it as part of the transition to clean energy. As part of its energy agenda, the Biden administration wants to create a commercial nuclear fusion facility within 10 years, Granholm said in a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press in Vienna.

Fusion works by pressing hydrogen atoms into each other with such force that they combine into helium, releasing enormous amounts of energy and heat. Unlike other nuclear reactions, it doesn't create radioactive waste. Proponents of nuclear fusion hope it could one day displace fossil fuels and other traditional energy sources. But producing carbon-free energy that powers homes and businesses from fusion is still decades away.

"It's not out of the realm of possibility" that the U.S.



**U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm gestures as she speaks at the U.N. offices in Vienna, Monday Sept. 25, 2023.**

could achieve Biden's "decadal vision of commercial fusion," Granholm said. A successful nuclear fusion was first achieved by researchers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California last December in a major breakthrough after de-

cadecades of work.

Granholm also praised the role of the Vienna-based U.N. nuclear watchdog in verifying that states live up to their international commitments and do not use their nuclear programs for illicit purposes, including to build nuclear weapons.

"The IAEA is instrumental in making sure that nuclear is harnessed for good and that it does not fall into the hands of bad actors," she said. The watchdog organization has agreements with more than 170 states to inspect their nuclear programs. The aim is to verify

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their nuclear activities and nuclear material and to confirm that it is used for peaceful purposes, including to generate energy.

Nuclear energy is also an essential component of the Biden administration's goal of achieving a carbon pollution-free power sector by 2035 and net zero emissions economy by 2050.

Asked about the difficulty of finding storage sites for radioactive waste, Granholm said that the U.S. has initiated a process to identify communities across the country who may be willing to host an interim storage location. Currently, most of the spent nuclear fuel is stored at various nuclear reactors across the country.

"We have identified 12 organizations that are going to be in discussion with communities across the country about whether they are interested (in hosting an interim site)," she said.

The U.S. currently does not recycle spent nuclear fuel but other countries, including France, already have experience with it. □

## U.S. and Kenya sign defense agreement ahead of planned Haiti deployment

By **EVELYNE MUSAMBI**

**Associated Press**

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** — The U.S. and Kenya signed a defense agreement Monday that will see the East African nation get resources and support for security deployments as it is poised to lead a multi-national peacekeeping mission to Haiti to combat gang violence.

U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Kenya's Defense Minister Aden Duale signed the accord at a meeting in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

The agreement guides the countries' defense relations for the next five years as the war in East Africa against

the al-Qaeda linked al-Shabab extremist group intensifies.

Austin thanked Kenya for volunteering to take the leadership of the Haiti multi-



**U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin, left and Kenya Cabinet Secretary for Defense Aden Duale, hold copies of a signed bilateral defense cooperation agreement, in Nairobi, Kenya, Monday Sept. 25, 2023.**

**Associated Press**

national force and reiterated that the U.S. government would work with Congress to secure the \$100 million in funding that it pledged on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly.

Austin said the rest of the world ought to follow Kenya's commitment to global security and "step up and provide more personnel, equipment, support, training and funding."

Kenya has pledged to send 1,000 security officers to Haiti to combat gang violence in a mission that is pending the U.N. Security Council's formal approval but has received support from the U.N. and U.S.

Duale said his country is

ready to deploy to Haiti and cited Kenya's "very long history of global peacekeeping" in Kosovo, neighboring Somalia and Congo.

Human rights activists, meanwhile, have expressed concerns over the deployment, citing a history of human rights abuses during security operations in the country.

Some security analysts have expressed concerns that there will be a language barrier between the deployment from Kenya, an English- and Swahili-speaking country, and the people of Haiti, where the official languages are French and Creole. □



## Drug cartel turf battles cut off towns in southern Mexico state of Chiapas, near Guatemala border

By **EDGAR H. CLEMENTE**

**Associated Press**

**TAPACHULA, Mexico (AP)**

— Drug cartel turf battles cut off a series of towns in the southern Mexico state of Chiapas, near the Guatemala border, Mexico's president acknowledged Monday.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said that the cartels have cut off electrical power in some towns, and forbidden government workers from coming in to the largely rural area to fix power lines.

He said the cartels were fighting for control of the drug smuggling routes that lead into southern Mexico from Central America. But the area around the town of Frontera Comalapa is also a valuable route for smuggling immigrants, thousands of who have clambered aboard trains to reach the U.S. border.

The Sinaloa cartel is fighting the Jalisco New Generation cartel for control of the area, located in a rural, mountainous area north of the border city of Tapachula.

Four men, apparently



**Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, accompanied by first lady Beatriz Gutiérrez Müller, sends out a symbolical embrace at the start of the annual Independence Day parade in the capital's main square, the Zocalo, in Mexico City, Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023.**

**Associated Press**

members of the Jalisco cartel, were found dead over the weekend in a nearby town, according to an employee of the Chiapas state prosecutor's office who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to be quoted by name.

The local Roman Catholic

Diocese said in a statement over the weekend that cartels were practicing forced recruitment among local residents, and had "taken over our territory," blocking roads and causing shortages of basic goods.

López Obrador also appeared to lend credence to videos posted over the

weekend, showing residents applauding about 20 pickup trucks full of armed Sinaloa cartel gunmen as they entered one Chiapas town. The president said the cartels might be forcing or bribing residents into acting as civilian supports, known in Mexico as "social bases."

"On the side of the highway there are people apparently welcoming them," López Obrador said of the video, which shows uniformed men aboard the trucks brandishing rifles and machine guns mounted on turrets. Voices in the video can be heard shouting phrases like "Pure Sinaloa people!"

"These may be support bases, like those in some parts of the country, because they give them food packages, or out of fear, because they have threatened them," the president said.

But López Obrador said the problem was a local, isolated issue that had been magnified and exploited by his political foes.

"They may make a campaign out of Frontera Comalapa, but it won't go far," he said. "They are going to magnify everything they can." The Diocese of San Cristobal de las Casas said in a statement Saturday that there had been forced recruitment, along with extortion, road blockades, kidnappings and killings.

## EU member states weaken proposal setting new emission standards for cars and vans

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**

**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — European Union member countries have watered down a proposal by the bloc's executive arm aimed at lowering vehicle emissions.

The European Commission had proposed last year updated pollution standards for new combustion engine vehicles that are expected to remain on European roads well after the 27-nation bloc bans their sale in

2035, with the aim of lowering emissions from tailpipes, brakes and tires.

The Commission hoped that new guidelines would help lower nitrogen oxide emissions from cars and vans by 35% compared to existing exhaust emission regulations for pollutants other than carbon dioxide, and by 56% from buses and trucks.

But several member states and automakers pushed for a weaker legislation and agreed Monday on a diluted compromise put forward by the rotating presidency of the EU currently held by Spain.

Member states instead decided to keep existing emissions limits and test conditions for cars and vans,

and to lower them only for buses and heavy commercial vehicles. They also agreed to reduce brake particle emissions limits and tire abrasion rate emissions. The standards are separate from but intended to complement the EU's climate change rules for CO2.

"The Spanish presidency has been sensitive to the different demands and requests of the member states and we believe that, with this proposal, we achieved broad support, a balance in the investment costs of the manufacturing brands and we improve the environmental benefits derived from the regulation," said Héctor Gómez Hernández, the acting Spanish minister for industry, trade and tour-

ism. The position adopted by member countries will be negotiated with the European Parliament once lawmakers have also defined their stance.

EU lawmakers and member states last year reached a deal to ban the sale of new gasoline and diesel cars and vans by 2035. The deal was part of the bloc's "Fit for 55" package, which the European Commission set up to achieve the goal of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 55% over this decade.

Under the deal, carmakers will be required to reduce the emissions of new cars sold by 55% in 2030, compared to 2021, before reaching a 100% cut five years later. □



**Cars release exhaust fumes as children head to school in Frankfurt, Germany, Feb. 27, 2023.**

**Associated Press**



## Aruba's underwater wonderland

**ORANJESTAD** - Exploring the underwater wonders is something you should definitely do during your stay in Aruba. The underwater world has everything to offer that makes a snorkel trip so exceptional; an impressive, colorful sea life with exotic fishes, turtles and beautiful coral reef. The historic shipwrecks, located on the Aruban seabed are also worth a visit. Aruba is known for its white beaches and blue oceans, which means there are many fascinating under water spots, where you can take your snorkeling gear and we selected the top spots for you.

### Tres Trapi

Tres Trapi means tree steps in Papiamentu, Papiamentu is together with Dutch the official language spoken on Aruba. The beach is called Tres Trapi because it is accessible by the tree steps carved into the rocks. Tres Trapi is a small rocky beach, located on the north-western side of the island, approximately 5 to 10 minute drive from Palm Beach. From the unique steps you can easily walk over the beach into the clear and turquoise blue ocean. While snorkeling you will encounter all kind of tropical fishes and sea stars. The kind of starfish you will find in the Aruban waters is the red cushion sea star. This is a starfish that is commonly found in the shallow waters of the Caribbean sea and if you are lucky during your snorkeling visit to Tres Trapi, you may come across one of the green sea turtles. Respect the animal, keep your distance and enjoy the view. Also remember; it is a once in a life time experience.

### Antilla shipwreck

Antilla is a 400-foot-long long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany. Antilla came to Aruba, because it

had to find a neutral port. When Germany invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla lies on its portside in Malmok bay, and the sunken world war two ship is now one of Aruba's most popular snorkeling and dive spots. However, the ship wreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your snorkeling trip you be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the ship wreck alone is already impressive enough.

### Baby Beach

Baby beach; a white beach, with a crystal blue ocean. The beach is located on the southern part of the island. On the way to the famous beach, you will drive through the old capital of Aruba, San Nicolas. The old Aruban culture can be still felt and experienced here, so do not hesitate to get out of your car and walk around for a while. Baby beach is a child friendly beach, since it is shallow and the water has a pleasant temperature. The name therefore fits well with the beach. Baby beach is an excellent beach for snorkeling, especially if you want to go with small children, because the water remains shallow and there are still many underwater wonders to see. In the ocean there is an area marked until where it is recommended to snorkel and on the beach you will find different facilities. It is a perfect beach to spend your day snorkeling and relaxing.

### Mangel Halto

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in



Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. You reach the beach by a bridge through the mangroves and then you will have several entrances to the sea. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, wooden stairs made to enter the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel

Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you find many colorful fish. Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is just like snorkel heaven. □







## The Casino Aruba At Hilton Presents: The Caribbean Poker Series 2023



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## Ayo & Casibari: Aruba's famous rock formations

**(Oranjestad)—The Ayo and Casibari Rock Formations are known locally as one of the crucial sites to have in your "off-road" trip itinerary. These naturally formed rock formations as just one of the few places on the island that hold a rich history of our culture and of our ancestors.**

### Ayo

The Ayo Rock Formation is located in the northern part of the island, right on the road that leads you to the Black Stone Beach, and close to the Natural Bridge. The Ayo is a fenced terrain that consists of several giant boulders, resting neatly on top of or side by side each other, adding gorgeous natural architecture to the surrounding "mondi". This is also one of the few sites to contain prehistoric markings of our indigenous ancestors. The Ayo Rock formation con-

tains stairs that lead you to the top of the highest boulder, offering a breath-taking view of the Aruban backyard. The Ayo is usually quiet, as it is situated farther away from the busier parts of the island. However, this is just another charm of the site: the quiet area and the refreshing breeze offer a sense of comfort and peace.

### Casibari

Probably the busier rock formation site, the Casibari is situated more in the center of the island, much closer—and more accessible—to the general public. Just like Ayo, Casibari is a fenced area containing several boulders that lay on top or lean on each other. The best aspect of the Casibari Rock Formation is the accompanying view when you climb up the top of the round, flat bolder. For this position, you can

see the majority of the island and the ocean in the south. Right in front of the entrance, there is the Casibari Café and Grill, a great place to get refreshments and snack before continuing your off-road adventure!

Both sites are open free to the public, 24 hours a day. However, unless you are taking a trip with a professional tour guide, there are no guides at the sites to help you climb the rock. So, do be careful when trudging on the boulders, and make sure to befriend any roaming goats you see along the way!

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Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □



## Papiamento words and phrases you may want to know!

**(Oranjestad)—Aruba is a potting melt of different nationalities, cultures and languages. Primarily for this reason, the average Aruban can understand and speak Dutch, English and Spanish relatively well. However, as much as we pride ourselves in being able to communicate with almost everyone, we cherish our native tongue Papiamento above all else. Want to learn some common words in our language? Here are a few basic words and phrases that can get you a hat tip from an Aruban.**

When you arrive at the airport in Aruba, one of the first words in Papiamento you may encounter is "Bon bini." Bon bini in Papiamento means welcome, and is probably the most famous Papiamento word for tourists.

### Hi! Bye!

To be fair, there is no unique way to say "hello" in Papiamento. At least, not officially. We often just use the English "hello" or "hey", or Dutch "hallo" to greet someone. We do however, always follow it up with

"con bay?" or "con ta?" Con bay is a shortened version of "con ta bay?", which essentially means "how are you?"

The word "con" in Papiamento means "how?" and is pronounced with a rounder "o" sounds, like in the English word "cone". "Ta bay" refers to how you are doing.

When we say goodbye, we use the word "ayo" (not like the Ayo Rock Formation, but also...kinda?). We may also use "te oro", which means "see you later".



### Greetings during the day

Most, if not all, languages have different ways to greet according to the time of day, and Papiamento is no different. Since Papiamento is heavily influenced from Portuguese and Spanish, some of these phrases may look very familiar.

1. Bon dia is used in the morning, up to about noon. Bon dia essentially means good morning. The word "bon" means "good", and while "dia" does not directly mean "morning" in English, it is used often to refer to the morning time.
2. Bon tardi. In the afternoon to early evening hours, we use "bon tardi" to greet people, which means "good afternoon". "Tardi" actually comes from the word "atardi", which directly translates to "afternoon". However, the shortened "tardi" is used to keep the rhythm on the phrase. And the same could be said for our last greeting of the day.
3. Bon nochi. You guessed it, "bon nochi" means "good night".

Just like "tardi", "nochi" is actually the shortened version of the word "anochi".

### Yes...no...maybe?

The affirmative and negative expression is very simple in Papiamento. Just like Spanish, our yeses are "si" and our no's are "no". Pretty easy right? If you want to gain some extra points from younger locals, you can also say "se", which is a more casual affirmative used mostly by the younger generation. However, do note: some older generations may find this improper and not respectful, so keep that in mind.

### Thanks man...

Lastly, a word that we can also say more often is "danki", which means literally "thank you". "Danki" is derived from the Dutch word "bedankt". Though we don't really have a translation for "I appreciate it" in English, we do use "masha danki" to convey the message. "Masha" means "a lot" or "very", so "masha danki" means "thank you very much". □



## Episode 56: Folk Art Recycled



**ORANJESTAD —** Aruba for being a small island generates an enormous amount of waste. We must realize that this entire waste was once on a container as import. Recycling is an essential action to reduce waste that will be otherwise dumped in the environment. Within this action two approaches have emerged as possible solutions. The first is down cycling and the other upcycling. In the former, the break down process is accelerated at a high cost and hardly sustainable if not all details are followed as planned and budgeted available applied as efficient necessary. The result must benefit nature and citizen as a result of the process, while in the latter all waste has a value that can be increased through creative intervention.

Our island waste impasse deserves a creative solution and a pragmatic intervention. In our experiment with upcycling our initial design led to the emergence of our native living lab and atelier at Westpunt Aruba, known as Etnia Nativa. A project that incorporates recollected materials in during every phases of its construction process. The same was applied in the building of artifacts furniture and artworks which are part of the decoration, such as lamps, masks, shells and bones feathers and seeds etc. Upcycled art or upcycling art is currently inspiring many artists around the world and prevents tons of garbage to reach dumping grounds.

Dumping must be seen and treated as a critical message regarding excessive consumption and environmental pollution. Transform waste such as paper, cardboard, wood, glass, plastics, metals and rubber into works of art that carries a message will impact the connoisseur. The concept, therefore, goes beyond the conventional recycling of materials by creating objects that exceed the economic, cultural and social value of the original product.

Transforming waste or recycle it into folk art is the creative expression of the human struggle toward civilization within a particular environment through the production of useful but aesthetic buildings and objects in the process of reducing waste.

Art has a role in cultural continuity and change. It is used to stabilize cultures by perpetuating the convictions of the identity and accomplishments of individuals and groups.

By calling folk art the “art of the people?” The answer is not simple, for the subject is clogged with conjecture, controversy, and gaps in information.

Calling it native art makes it yet more confusing, however both differs from primitive art.

The scope of folk art is extremely broad, including the entire craft and creativity of the people.

Folk art is the creative expression of the human struggle toward civilization within a particular environment through the production of useful but aesthetic buildings and objects.

Generally, folk art is ART that may be used every day or reserved for high ceremonial occasions; it may include handmade elements, as well as new, synthetic, or recycled components.

May be decorative or utilitarian.

May be made for use within a community of practice or it may be produced for sale as a form of income and empowerment.

May be learned formally or informally; folk art may also be self-taught.

May include intangible forms of expressive culture like dance, song, poetry, and foodways

Is traditional; it reflects shared cultural aesthetics and social issues. It is recognized that, as traditions are dynamic, traditional folk art may change over time and may include innovations in tradition.

Folk art is from, by, and for the people. Folk art is for all people without distinction of class, state, culture, community, ethnicity, gender and religion.

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## Did you know about... Basic driving rules on Aruba (part 1)

(Oranjestad)—Have you ever felt confused when you're driving on the highways or backstreets of Aruba? Then we present a simple guide to some of the basic rules of Aruban traffic, along with some tips for things to look out for.

### Speed limit

Legally, the speed limit on the four-lane highways is 80 km/h. This speed limit also counts for the main roads that are connected to the highways. The minimum speed is 50 km/h. Most people drive around 60 km/h on the main roads and about 70 km/h on the highways. There are also areas that indicate a speed limit on a sign; these are usually around populated and school areas.

The four-lane highways contain the left-lane, also known as the "fast" lane for each direction. Here is where vehicles can drive up to the maximum speed. However, legally it is not permitted to drive for long periods of time on the left lane. This lane is primarily designed for drivers to switch lanes before a roundabout, for example, if your exit on the roundabout is on your far left. The general lane to drive in—both at maximum and minimum speed—is on the right lane.



### Roundabouts

Speaking of roundabouts, it is important to know where you have to enter and drive on the roundabout to make your exit. A good rule of thumb is to count the exits starting from your right side. So, exit 1 would be on your right; exit 2 would be straight ahead; exit 3 would be on your far left and exit 4 would lead to the road paralleled to the one you're on, heading in the other direction.

Most roundabouts have these 4 exits, so they are relatively simple. When you're driving on the four-lane highway, it is important to know when to switch to the left lane to make your

exit: if your exit is on your far left (exit 3), then you need to switch to the left lane on the highway before nearing the roundabout so you can take the path that leads you directly to your exit. If your exit is on your right or if you're going straight ahead, you can keep driving in the right lane of the highway.

It's also important to know that vehicles about to enter the roundabout must yield to those already on it. A good rule of thumb is to look out if someone is coming from your left side.

However, other roundabouts can be quite tricky to navigate...

### Watty Vos Boulevard (the "paperclip" roundabout)

Probably the biggest roundabout on the island, the "paperclip" roundabout on the Watty Vos Boulevard is one of the trickier roundabouts that could—and has—caused confused among both tourists and locals. However, once you take a good look at it, it's fairly simple. The basis is just the same as a regular roundabout (left exit? left lane! etc.), but instead of having four different exits like on a regular roundabout, now you have two extra; one on the right and the other on the left side of the roundabout. The rules don't change at all, you just have to keep an extra eye open.

### Airport roundabout

Ah, yes. The infamous airport roundabout. The favorite roundabout amongst local, because of its easy (hard) lanes that never (always) cause confusion among drivers. Sarcasm aside, this roundabout can be tricky to enter, especially when you're driving from the direction of the airport heading. When you're driving away from the airport reaching the roundabout, you'll be faced with three lanes. The far right lane is to take the exit 1 out heading east (right lane of highway). The middle exit is

used for exit 1 (left lane of highway), 2 and 3. The far left exit is used to only exit on exit 3 (left lane of highway) and 4.

### "Las Americas" roundabout

The Las Americas roundabout is located near the Talk of the Town hotel, west from the airport roundabout. This roundabout may look like a regular roundabout—and for the most part, it is. However, when you are driving from the east going in the direction of town, please take note that there are two exits on your right.

When you're driving towards this roundabout, you'll notice that the road becomes wider, splitting into two lanes. The right lane is used to take the first and second exit on the right. If you want to exit straight ahead, you must drive on the left lane!

It's always scary to drive in new places where the traffic may look and work differently, but once you get it right once, you'll get the hang of it in no time. Additionally, all roundabouts and roads on Aruba have signs and arrows painted on the road to help guide you. So take your time, keep your eyes open and don't forget to wear a seat belt! □





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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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6 Canadian native

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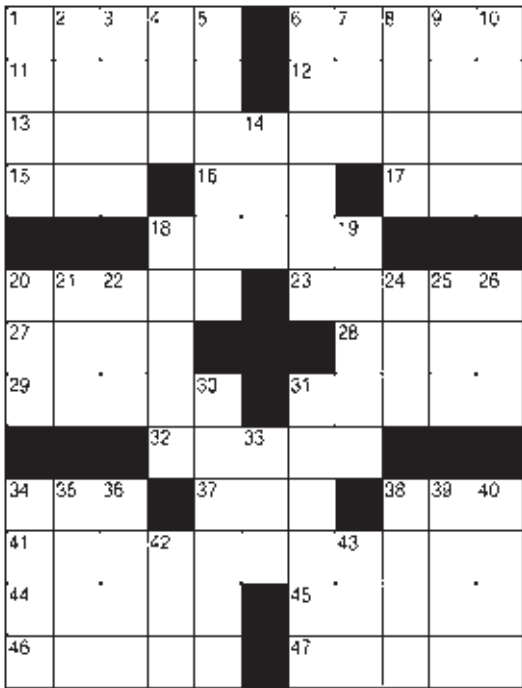
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three I's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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## saving strategies you may not have tried yet



In this June 15, 2018 file photo, twenty dollar bills are counted in North Andover, Mass.

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By **KIMBERLY PALMER** of **NerdWallet**

With the holiday shopping season just starting and prices of many consumer goods continuing to rise, saving money can seem impossible. But those financial pressures also make doing so even more important.

"Saving is your margin," says Eric Maldonado, a certified financial planner and owner of Aquila Wealth Advisors. "When things happen your car breaks down or there's a layoff, or smaller stuff like gifts for the holidays you have something to fall back on." Maldonado notes that saving can also allow you to have money for fun things.

The personal savings rate for Americans has been dropping in the last few months, and as of July was 3.5%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Maldonado recommends aiming for a savings rate closer to 20% of your take-home income. "You can live off of 80% and put 20% toward deferred gratifica-

tion," he suggests.

That guidance matches the popular 50/30/20 budget, which suggests putting 50% of your take-home income toward needs, 30% toward wants, and 20% toward savings and any debt payments. "If you're just starting out, then it can be too daunting, but you can work toward it," Maldonado adds.

If you're looking for ways to power up your savings, consider these strategies:

### PAUSE BEFORE BUYING

"One of the biggest mistakes people make is buying things you don't need," says Vivian Tu, author of the forthcoming book "Rich AF: The Winning Money Mindset That Will Change Your Life" and a TikTok influencer who posts as @YourRichBFF. To counter that tendency, she recommends "taking a beat" before making any purchase. "Really ask yourself, 'Why do I want that thing? What makes it special?'" she suggests.

Tu says asking herself that question helped her scale back on material purchas-

es so she had more money for experiences, like vacations and brunches with friends.

### SPREAD OUT THE IMPACT OF BIG EXPENSES

For big expenses that are on the horizon, Cary Carbonaro, a CFP and senior vice president at financial advisory firm ACM Wealth, recommends setting aside a small amount of money each month so the final cost doesn't overwhelm your budget.

"If you know you're going to spend \$1,200 at Christmas, then put aside \$100 a month for the whole year," Carbonaro suggests. "Everybody overspends in December unless you budgeted for it."

### TRY CURBSIDE PICKUP

When Ryan Greiser, a CFP and founder of the financial firm Opulus, and his wife noticed their credit card bill going up with inflation, they brainstormed ways to cut back. One of their most successful ideas was relying on online grocery ordering with curbside pickup.

"We noticed that if we did curbside pickup, our bill was \$50 to \$100 less than if we went into the store because we only bought the things on our list. It reduced impulse buys and allowed us to easily compare prices and coupons that popped up on the screen," Greiser says. Given their weekly shopping needs for a family with three young children, that shift allowed them to save \$200 to \$400 a month.

### ROTATE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Greiser and his family also started saving \$10 to \$30 a month by rotating their streaming subscriptions based on what shows they were currently watching. "We keep one or two active subscriptions and cancel the rest or pause it when a show wraps up so we can rotate to the next one," he says, adding that he sets a reminder on his calendar so he doesn't forget to cancel. □

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# Photo giant Getty took a leading AI image-maker to court. Now it's also embracing the technology

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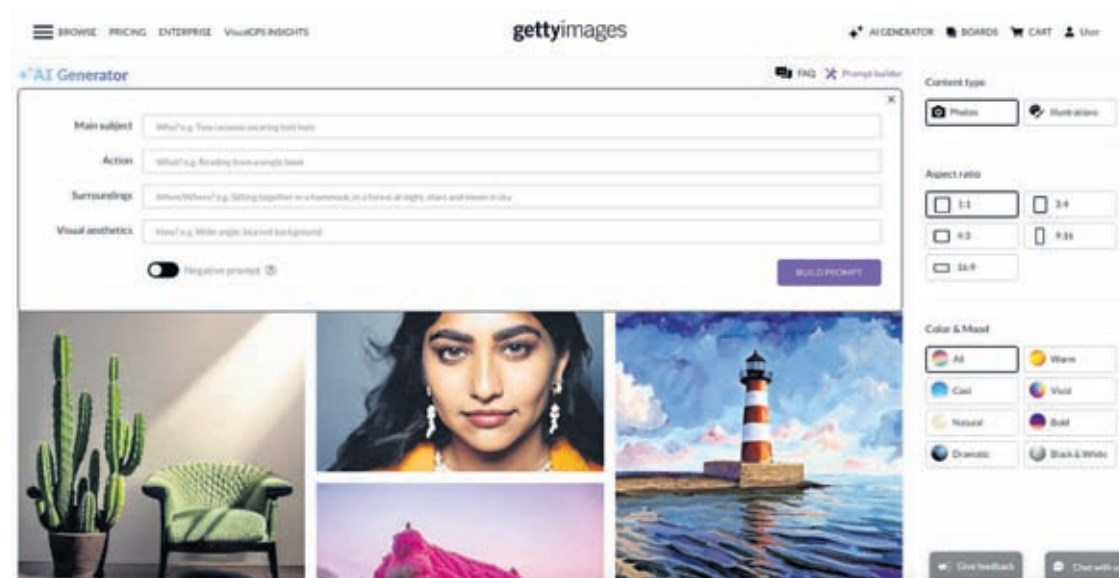
Anyone looking for a beautiful photograph of a desert landscape can find many choices from Getty Images, the stock photography collection.

But say you're instead looking for a wide angle shot of a "hot pink plastic saguaro cactus with large arms that stick out, surrounded by sand, in landscape at dawn." Getty Images says you can now ask its artificial intelligence image-generator to make one on the spot.

The Seattle-based company is taking a two-pronged approach to the threat and opportunity that AI poses to its business. First, it sued a leading purveyor of AI-generated images earlier this year for what it alleged was "brazen infringement" of Getty's image collection "on a staggering scale."

But on Monday, it also joined the small but growing market of AI image makers with a new service that enables its customers to create novel images trained on Getty's own vast library of human-made photos.

The difference, said Getty Images CEO Craig Peters, is this new service is "commercially viable" for business clients and "wasn't



This photo provided by Getty Images shows an example of the company's artificial intelligence image-generator.

trained on the open internet with stolen imagery." He contrasted that with some of the first movers in AI-generated imagery, such as OpenAI's DALL-E, Midjourney and Stability AI, maker of Stable Diffusion.

"We have issues with those services, how they were built, what they were built upon, how they respect creator rights or not, and how they actually feed into deepfakes and other things like that," Peters said in an interview.

In a lawsuit filed early this year in a Delaware federal court, Getty alleged that London-based Stability AI had copied without permission more than 12 million photographs from its

collection, along with captions and metadata, "as part of its efforts to build a competing business."

Getty said in the lawsuit that it's entitled to damages of up to \$150,000 for each infringed work, an amount that could theo-

retically add up to \$1.8 trillion. □

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# Writers' union reaches tentative deal with Hollywood studios to end historic strike

By **ANDREW DALTON**

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The union representing screenwriters reached a tentative agreement with Hollywood studios to end a historic strike after nearly five months, raising hopes that a crippling shutdown of movie and television filming could be near an end.

Actors remain on strike, but the deal with writers might help them find a resolution soon as well.

The Writers Guild of America announced the deal Sunday in a joint statement with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, the group that represents studios, streaming services and production companies in negotiations. The agreement must be approved by the guild's board and members before the strike officially ends. That could happen this week.

The pact "was made possible by the enduring solidarity of WGA members and extraordinary support of our union siblings who joined us on the picket lines for over 146 days," the guild said in an email to members.

In a longer message from the guild shared by members on social media, the writers were told the strike is not over and no one was to return to work until hearing otherwise, but picketing was to be suspended immediately.

The three-year contract agreement emerged after five marathon days of renewed talks by WGA and AMPTP negotiators, who were joined at times by studio executives. The terms were not immediately announced. The deal to end the last writers strike,



Placards are gathered together at the close of a picket by members of The Writers Guild of America outside Walt Disney Studios, Tuesday, May 2, 2023,

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in 2008, was approved by more than 90% of union members.

Media and entertainment companies got a small boost from the news. Shares in Warner Bros. Discovery, Paramount, Disney and Netflix all rose about 2% or less on Monday.

The agreement came just five days before the strike would have become the longest in the guild's history and the longest Hollywood strike more than 70 years.

As a result of the deal, nightly network shows including NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" and ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" could return to the air within days.

But as writers prepare to potentially crack open their laptops again, it's far from business as usual in Hollywood, as talks have not yet resumed between studios and the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

"While we look forward to reviewing the WGA and AMPTP's tentative agreement, we remain committed to achieving the necessary terms for our members," the actors union said in a statement.

The statement said the guild continues to urge executives "to return to the table and make the fair deal that our members deserve and demand." Talks aimed at ending the writers strike resumed Wednesday for the first time in a month. Chief executives including Bob Iger of Disney, Ted Sarandos of Netflix, David Zaslav of Warner Bros. Discovery and Donna Langley of NBCUniversal reportedly took part in the negotiations directly. The deal was reached without the intervention of federal mediators or other government officials, which had been necessary in previous strikes.

President Joe Biden said the agreement was "testa-

ment to the power of collective bargaining."

"There simply is no substitute for employers and employees coming together to negotiate in good faith toward an agreement that makes a business stronger and secures the pay, benefits and dignity that workers deserve," Biden said Monday in a statement. Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass congratulated the two sides on the deal and said she is hopeful the same can happen soon with actors.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom did the same, saying writers "went on strike over existential threats to their careers and livelihoods expressing real concerns over the stress and anxiety workers are feeling." About 11,500 members of the Writers Guild of America walked off the job May 2 over issues of pay, the size of writing staffs on shows and the use of artificial intelligence in the creation of scripts.

Actors, who joined the writers on strike in July, have their own issues but there have been no discussions about resuming negotiations with their union yet.

The writers strike immediately sent late-night talk shows and "Saturday Night Live" on hiatus. Dozens of

scripted shows and other productions have been in limbo, including forthcoming seasons of Netflix's "Stranger Things," HBO's "The Last of Us," and ABC's "Abbot Elementary," and films including "Deadpool 3" and "Superman: Legacy." The Emmy Awards were also pushed from September to January.

More recently, writers had been targeting talk shows that were working around strike rules to return to air, including "The Drew Barrymore Show," "Real Time With Bill Maher" and "The Talk." All reversed course in the face of picketing and pressure, and are likely to quickly return now.

The combined strikes made for a pivotal moment in Hollywood as creative labor faced off against executives in a business transformed by technology, from the seismic shift to streaming in recent years to the potentially paradigm-shifting emergence of AI in the years to come.

Screenwriters have traditionally gone on strike more than any other segment of the industry, but they enjoyed a relatively long stretch of labor peace until last spring, when negotiations for a new contract fell apart. The walkout was their first since 2007 and their longest since 1988.

On July 14, more than two months into the strike, the writers got a dose of solidarity and star power along with a lot of new picketing partners when they were joined by 65,000 striking film and television actors.

It was the first time the two groups had been on strike together since 1960. In that walkout, the writers strike started first and ended second. This time, studios opted to deal with the writers first.

The AMPTP first reached out to suggest renewing negotiations in August. The meetings were short, infrequent and not productive, and talks went silent for another month. □



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# Americans' losing streak in Europe reaches the 30-year mark in the Ryder Cup

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**GUIDONIA MONTECELIO, Italy (AP)** — What must have seemed like a long time to the Americans back then surely doesn't now. They beat Europe on its home turf at The Belfry in 1993, winning the Ryder Cup back to back for the first time in a whopping 10 years.

Turns out that wasn't the end of Europe's run. It was only the start.

The Americans now have gone 30 years without winning the Ryder Cup away from home, a losing streak the entire team knows all too well. Never mind that five players on the U.S. team that arrived Monday in Italy were not even born when Team USA last won in Europe.

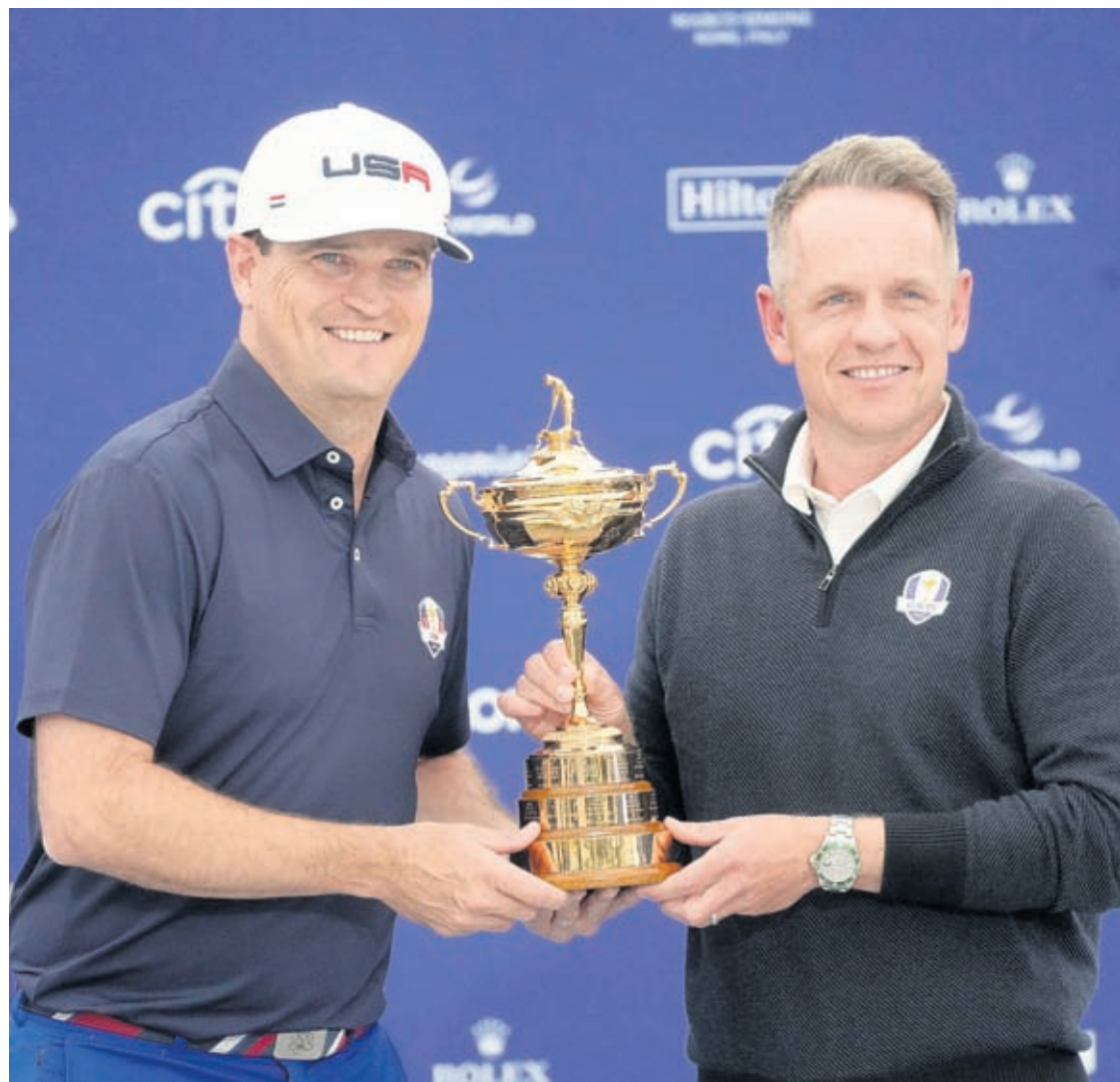
"It's not really at the forefront of the messaging," said U.S. captain Zach Johnson, who has played on three of those losing teams in Ireland, Wales and Scotland. "The obvious bullet points don't need to be mentioned, and that's one of them."

The context of this losing streak can be presented in so many ways. Half of Europe's 12-man team wasn't born when the American last celebrated away from home. Deane Beman was commissioner of the PGA Tour. Tiger Woods was a senior in high school.

And then there was this from NBC lead announcer Dan Hicks, noting that Raymond Floyd was the oldest player on that 1993 team at The Belfry.

"He's now 81, and he hasn't seen a U.S. team win overseas since then," Hicks said. It hasn't been from a lack of ability. Those six consecutive road losses featured 12-man combinations of 41 players, 26 of whom went on to combine for 57 major championships.

The losing streak began in Spain in 1997, the year Tiger Woods won the Masters by 12 shots and captivated the entire sports world. Justin Leonard won the British Open and Davis Love III



USA's Captain Zach Johnson, left, and Europe's Captain Luke Donald pose for photographers at the end of a press conference at the Marco Simone Golf Club in Guidonia Montecelio, Monday, Sept. 25, 2023.

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won the PGA Championship that year. They combined to go 1-9-3 at Valderama.

Woods played on five losing road teams. Phil Mickelson was there for all six losses during the losing streak. He was beaten by Phillip Price, the No. 119 player in the world, in a one-point loss at The Belfry in 2002.

Why does it keep happening? For starters, Europe is very good.

"You can't dispute the clutch plays that they make at the right time," said Paul Azinger, who played on that '93 team and now is the lead analyst for NBC.

And there is no denying the value of volume from a home crowd, the serenade of "Ole, ole, ole, ole" that can be as inspiring as a scoreboard filled with European blue.

It's what prompted Rory McIlroy to say, "I think one of the greatest accomplishments in our game now is to win an away Ryder Cup."

McIlroy believes fans understand the value of a home crowd.

"I don't know if they appreciate the value of a home golf course," he said. "It's like chalk and cheese the way a U.S. Ryder Cup golf course is set up compared with a European course. I contrast Hazeltine in 2016 to France in 2018. You could hit it anywhere at Hazeltine Medinah (2012) was not much different."

"I feel like in Europe, it's more a war of attrition in terms of who doesn't make mistakes, whereas in America, it's who can make the most birdies."

The 30-year drought seems worse because the Ryder Cup is every other year. Losing six in a row doesn't sound as dire as going 30 years since the last win. Both are true. Jordan Spieth prefers to point out that Europe has won only once on American soil the last 15 years.

Still, it's a streak that has be-

come a focal point.

"Given the amount of great American players, individually, you'd think collectively they'd have gotten it done over there at some point in 30 years," Spieth said. He has played on two losing road teams, in Scotland and France.

There have been a few close calls a one-point loss at Valderrama in 1997 and at Wales in 2010, and The Belfry in 2002 probably would have been another except that Sergio Garcia was making snow angels in a bunker when Europe clinched and the last two matches walked in and agreed to a halve.

Azinger always felt as though Europe, even if it is not the favorite on paper, shows up with enough of an edge to make a difference.

"Europe shows up with a 1% advantage," Azinger said. "I would compare it to being in Vegas. There's only a 1% advantage in black-

jack, but they're building some pretty nice hotels on it."

Johnson has said what other U.S. captains have mentioned going on the road. This is a new team. These are old memories. It still hasn't changed anything. Only four players on this American team have played a Ryder Cup on the road: Rickie Fowler three times, Jordan Spieth twice and Justin Thomas and Brooks Koepka.

"Ignorance is bliss," said Scottie Scheffler, the No. 1 player in the world competing in his first Ryder Cup on the road.

Tommy Fleetwood of England wonders if enough attention is paid to the quality of players on Team Europe, even after the era of the "Big Five" of Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros, Sandy Lyle, Bernhard Langer and Ian Woosnam.

Europe could claim only one major: Paul Lawrie at Carnoustie in 1999 during a 10-year stretch that added to the perception the Americans were favorite. But then, the Ryder Cup is not about winning majors.

"Europe obviously has an amazing identity with the Ryder Cup," Fleetwood said. "I don't know if anyone can put their finger on why it's been such a long time. I always feel like they're both strong teams. Home advantage does play a part."

"I don't want to look too much into it," he said. "I just want to win this one." □

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# Ginkel falters as Diamondbacks blow 3 leads in 6-4 loss to Yankees and tie Cubs for 2nd wild card

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Kevin Ginkel blew the last of the Arizona Diamondbacks' three leads in a 6-4 loss to the New York Yankees on Monday, dropping them into a tie with the Chicago Cubs for the National League's second wild card spot.

Ginkel (9-1) loaded the bases in the eighth inning by allowing two singles and a walk. He walked in the tying run by issuing a free pass to Oswald Peraza and Gleyber Torres scored on a sacrifice fly to left from Estevan Florial to give the Yankees their first lead.

Everson Pereira added an RBI single for a 6-4 lead.

Ginkel's rough outing, which followed blown leads by Merrill Kelly in the fourth and Ryan Thompson in the seventh, resulted in Arizona's second loss in eight games. The Diamondbacks are seeking to secure one of the NL's three wild card spots to get back into the playoffs for the first time since 2017. Rookie Corbin Carroll got two of his three hits in those innings and his bases-loaded single in the eighth off Ian Hamilton put Arizona ahead 4-3. An in-



**New York Yankees' Austin Wells reacts after hitting a home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, in New York.**

**Associated Press**

ning earlier, he stole his 51st base and scored on Gabriel Moreno's single to snap a 2-2 tie.

Peraza hit a tying homer to open the seventh off Ryan Thompson. Thompson kept the game tied when center fielder Alek Thomas made a leaping catch to rob Aaron Judge of a homer.

Judge lofted a fly ball toward the Yankee bullpen but Thomas charged back and timed his leap, stuck

his glove up over the fence and completed the catch near the 385-foot sign.

Hamilton (3-2) got the win and Clay Holmes got his 22nd save as the Yankees moved two games over .500 a day after being eliminated from the playoffs for the first time since 2016. New York needs three wins in its final six games to avoid its first losing season since 1992.

Thomas hit a two-run single

in the first but Austin Wells hit a tying two-run shot in the fourth.

## STARTERS

Arizona's Merrill Kelly pitched five gritty innings, allowing two runs and four hits. He struck out four and walked two and the Yankees constantly fouled off pitches. New York's Clarke Schmidt allowed two runs and three hits in four innings. He stayed after Carroll's single in the second

deflected off his left elbow. **HOME FINISH**

New York went 42-39, its poorest home record since 2014.

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The Yankees drew 3,272,243 for 80 home dates, up from 3,136,207 for 78 home dates last year. They had 15 sell-outs, none after Aug. 6 and down from 16 last year.

Diamondbacks: 2B Ketel Marte returned from an illness and walked as a pinch hitter in the eighth. RHP Miguel Castro returned from the paternity list after missing two games. ... RHP Slade Cecconi, who allowed Judge's third homer Friday, was optioned to Triple-A Reno.

Yankees: RHP Tommy Kahnle (right shoulder inflammation) was placed on the injured list. Kahnle missed the first two months because of right biceps tendinitis and was 1-3 with a 2.66 ERA in 42 appearances. ... 1B Anthony Rizzo (post-concussion syndrome), who was shut down Sept. 5, said he is feeling normal and will have one more checkup in New York during the early part of the offseason. □

"I think we just ran out of time but I'm definitely feeling back to myself, feeling

# Raiders' Garoppolo is in concussion protocol, putting his start for Chargers game in question

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**HENDERSON, Nev. (AP)** — Raiders quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo is in concussion protocol, putting his status in question for when Las Vegas visits the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday.

Garoppolo was injured in Sunday night's 23-18 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Coach Josh McDaniels said Monday that he didn't know when the injury occurred, but Garoppolo took several hits in getting sacked four times and his head bounced off the turf on one play in the fourth quarter.

Steelers safety Minkah Fitzpatrick was flagged for roughing the quarterback. If Garoppolo can't play, the Raiders will go with 15-year veteran Brian Hoyer or rookie Aidan O'Connell.

McDaniels said the discussions haven't yet started on which QB to select, saying the decision will be what's the "best thing for the team." "We'll be hard at work having to manage that situation the best we can as it progresses," McDaniels said.

Injuries have been a problem for Garoppolo. He suffered a season-ending knee injury in San Fran-

cisco's third game of the 2018 season, and in 2020 he missed eight games with ankle injuries.

The Raiders signed Garoppolo in the offseason after parting ways with nine-year starter Derek Carr, who now plays for the New Orleans Saints. McDaniels and Garoppolo have a history back to when both were with the New England Patriots, McDaniels as offensive coordinator and Garoppolo as Tom Brady's backup. Garoppolo most recently played for the San Francisco 49ers, appearing in two NFC championship games and one Super Bowl.



**Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (10) is sacked by Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker T.J. Watt (90) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, in Las Vegas.**

**Associated Press**

But he has struggled to find his footing for the 1-2 Raiders, having tossed a league-high six interceptions, including three against the Steelers.

"He scrambled a few times yesterday and made some

plays and kept some plays alive, and there are some other times where he's got to make a good decision," McDaniels said. "But that's playing quarterback in the NFL, and he's done it well before." □